

Heavyweights Battle in Havana To-day

JACK JOHNSON SHOULD GET HIS MONEY TO-DAY WITHOUT ANY EXTRA HARD EXERTION

Conviction Growing That Awkward Big Willard Cannot Cope With Black Champion Despite Age and Fat Layers.

Special Cable Dispatch to the Sun.

HAVANA, April 4.—To-morrow tells the tale. Long before the warm sun sinks in the west the world will know whether world's heavyweight champion Jack Johnson has deteriorated by the natural toll age demands and the ravages of high, careless living to such an extent that he must fall before the bows of the giant cowboy Jess Willard.

As the fight draws nearer there come to the minds of the men who have followed for years the careers of all the world's champion boxers a strong conviction that Johnson will win. There isn't an old timer on the island who has travelled here to see the bout but believes that the big black will completely swamp Willard with his cleverness, generosity, head and hands, provided the bout is honestly fought.

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"Johnson is smart. People don't give him credit enough. I hope that none of his friends are betting against him because they have listened to this talk of fake. Johnson has faded in his life and he wouldn't begin now when a good fighting reputation is his real bank roll."

Interest at High Pitch.

CHICAGO, April 4.—It is up to Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis whether or not Walter Johnson, pitcher extraordinaire, will earn one of the prizes in the case of the Federal League vs. Organized Baseball before April 14. Walter will not be able to give the Washington team of the American League a running start in the pennant race.

This was announced by President Charles H. Weeghman of the local Federal League. Johnson, who has been with this organization last winter, yesterday President Weeghman said that Johnson would not be allowed to play with the Washington club this year.

"Walter Johnson will not play a single game with the Washington club unless a decision of Judge Landis should award him to the Senators before April 14. If no decision is given before that date I will go into court and ask for an injunction against him," said Weeghman.

THIS IS JIM COFFEY'S CHANCE.

DUBLIN BOY WILL MAKE OR BREAK AGAINST CARL MORRIS.

Weather May Prevent Both Scheduled Games in Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., April 4.—Owing to the unusually heavy down for the last thirty-six hours all trains on Southern railway lines were delayed arriving in Richmond and the Brooklyn Dodgers were among those caught in the jam. Had Manager Robinson been informed last night of the weather conditions he might say he would have remained home to watch the game.

"He'll know what it means to call a boxer an artist, when he is feinted into the first right hand uppercut that will all but tear his head off. What will his size count for? Not a thing. You only have to look back at the bout between Jim Fitzsimmons battered in the past to see how much size counts in the ring. Why, I'll bet right now that Little Mike Gibbons can whip Willard and so ridiculously easily that the world would gasp in astonishment. Not for me. You can't overcome class. That is all of that. The greatest boxer is not the greatest and absolutely impossible to hit, and they say this big awkward boy is going to outweigh him—well, not for my money."

And so the opinion goes. The thing that seems to argue against Willard since he began as a fighter Johnson has been essentially a waster. Whole audiences have got up at different times and berated the black because of his excruciating deliberation in the ring. He never has taken an undue chance, has never punched a spot, and he has not had a hit unless the target was set for him to look like a star.

The most serious thing that remains for Willam to do is to point his box to victory over Morris first. Morris will have forty pounds the better of it in the weights. Coffey is faster of course. But in Morris he is meeting man who can take a punch and come back for more.

TRAP SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE.

Larchmont Season Trophies Are Awarded—Lemane Shoots Well.

NEW ROCHELLE, April 4.—Twelve nimrods faced the trap of the Larchmont Yacht Club to-day. The season is to close with next week's series. A matter of fact the winner of each event for the 100 hand handicap prize to-day was the 100 hand handicap for the accumulation cup with a full score on his handicap of 5, and when the totals were returned it was found that he had won the high handicap prize with 169 as his score on his handicap of 19. Ralph H. Spotts took the monthly cup for high gun (scratches) and A. L. Burns won the accumulation cup. The monthly cup for March was annexed by Frank M. Weller.

T. Lemane, Jr., carried off to-day's spoils by winning four of the six matches. Four men fled him in the shoot for the take home trophy, and in the shootoff he won. The same number beat him with full scores in the special trophy and the men who won in the shootoff Lemane also won the trophy for the accumulation cup with a full score on his handicap of 5, and when the totals were returned it was found that he had won the high handicap prize with 169 as his score on his handicap of 19. Ralph H. Spotts took the monthly cup for high gun (scratches) and A. L. Burns won the accumulation cup. The monthly cup for March was annexed by Frank M. Weller.

Weller was selected to go against Johnson because he was thought to have a chance. Willard was picked out to fight Johnson not because the promoters thought he had a chance, but more because he looked the part from a boxer standpoint. Lemane also won the trophy for the accumulation cup with a full score on his handicap of 5, and when the totals were returned it was found that he had won the high handicap prize with 169 as his score on his handicap of 19. Ralph H. Spotts took the monthly cup for high gun (scratches) and A. L. Burns won the accumulation cup. The monthly cup for March was annexed by Frank M. Weller.

Giant Takes Shootoff.

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Weller could have whistled either for the 100 hand or the 100 hand handicap, but the promoters of this contest knew it. Jack Curley, who is the master mind in the promotion of this fight, is also the manager of Jim Flynn and was his manager when he sent Flynn to slaughter before Johnson at Las Vegas.

Curley had the chance in a million to whip Johnson and that was a stray punch. Curley knows just as well that Willard has less chance than Flynn because he has not the fighting spirit of the smaller man. It is a question right now whether Willard can whip Johnson.

Three Events Fall to Bendel.

PONT WASHINGTON, April 4.—H. L. Bendel captured three prizes to-day at the weekly shoot of the Manhattan Bay Yacht Club. He won the 50 hand handicap with a score of 48 on his handicap of 16, and he was the top man for the month of April. H. E. L. Funke won the leg for the monthly cup with 23 breaks on his handicap of 12.

Sporting Events Postponed.

The bicycle races scheduled for the Newark Astrodrome yesterday were postponed owing to the snow covered track and stands. All soccer games in the vicinity of New York were abandoned for the same reason.

A true statement of the results of that match never has been published. Curley gave out figures that

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